

# WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Saturday;  
warmer Saturday; light variable  
winds.

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ONE CENT.

## DIAZ STEPS ASIDE FOR DE LA BARRA

Former Ambassador to Wash-  
ington Provisional President  
of Mexican Republic.

CHEERS AND GUNS' ROAR  
GREET CHANGE OF POWER

Crowds Noisy and Jubilant, But  
There Is No Disorder.

REBEL COMMANDS TROOPS

Business in Capital Resuming Nor-  
mal Aspect—Diaz Better and  
Expects to Leave Soon  
for Europe.



FRANCISCO LEON DE LA BARRA.

MEXICO CITY, May 26.—Francisco  
Leon de la Barra, the Mexican foreign  
minister and former ambassador at  
Washington, took the oath of office as  
provisional president of the republic to-  
day. He will act as the chief executive  
and in succession to Porfirio Diaz, who  
resigned yesterday, until a general elec-  
tion can be held.

Order prevailed throughout the capital  
last night.

Senior de la Barra was escorted from  
the national palace to the chamber of  
deputies, where the oath of office was ad-  
ministered, by the members of the staff  
of former President Diaz.

Diplomats at Ceremony.

The staff officials had resigned days  
ago, but had asked permission to escort  
the provisional president to the scene of  
his inauguration. The new chief executive  
was accompanied by Gen. E. Rascón,  
who took the oath as minister of war  
earlier in the day.

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## GUILTY OF HERESY

Presbyterian Assembly Ex-  
cludes Dr. Grant From Pulpit.

PLACED UNDER SUSPENSION

Charges Against Him Sustained by  
an Overwhelming Vote.

MUST CONFESS HIS ERRORS

Reinstatement Contingent Upon His  
Satisfying Presbytery of  
Repentance.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 26.—The  
Rev. Dr. William D. Grant of North-  
umberland, Pa., has been found guilty  
of heresy by the commission which  
heard the charges made against him. The  
commission reported its findings to the  
Presbyterian General Assembly this  
morning.

The commission found that Dr. Grant  
"taught doctrines contrary to the word  
of God in the Bible and the Presby-  
terian confession of faith." He is held  
to be guilty under the rules of the  
Presbyterian book of discipline, and  
the commission recommended that  
Dr. Grant be suspended from exercising  
the functions of a minister of the Pres-  
byterian Church until such time as "he  
can convince his own presbytery, that of  
Northumberland, that he has re-  
nounced the errors he has been found  
to hold and to satisfy the presbytery  
of his purpose to no longer teach them."

Adopted Without Debate.

A motion to adopt the report and con-  
firm the judgment of the commission was  
put to a vote in the assembly and was  
carried overwhelmingly without debate.  
There were only a few scattered "noes."  
Though the decision was at first a crush-  
ing blow to friends of Dr. Grant, the  
judgment which leaves it up to his own  
presbytery to reinstate him, that body  
having already acquitted him once, and  
being obviously favorable to him, some-  
what to the surprise of the apparent  
harshness of the verdict. It was pointed  
out by his friends there is nothing to  
prevent Dr. Grant from appealing to his  
presbytery at its very next meeting, and,  
by making a statement recanting any  
views that might be taken to attack the  
basic doctrines of the church, be rein-  
stated within a short time. Curiously  
enough, Gen. Grant's name has never  
been used in the report of the commission  
either in the summing up or in the final  
judgment of the church.

Dr. Grant was present when the report  
of the commission was read.

Excluded Under the Rules.

Before a vote was called for his counsel,  
Dr. J. Gray Bolton of Philadelphia, asked  
to be allowed to read a statement for Dr.  
Grant. Dr. Bolton, not being a member  
of the assembly, his request was declared  
out of order by Moderator Carson. The  
statement, which was in the nature of an  
affirmation of faith in the great doc-  
trines of the church, followed.

"Few men have suffered as much for  
their beloved church as I have suffered  
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## Pierre Vedrine Completes the Flight From Paris.

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RIVALS IN THE MOUNTAINS

Not Likely They Can Finish Within  
Time Limit.

JOURNEY A PERILOUS ONE

Part of Voyage Over Desolate Moun-  
tain Ranges, Where Fall Meant  
Certain Death.

MADRID, May 26.—Pierre Vedrine  
the French aviator, arrived at the  
Spanish capital from Burgos at 8:05  
o'clock this morning, being the first  
contestant to complete the third stage  
of the Paris-to-Madrid aviation race.  
He covered the distance of 140 miles  
between Madrid and Burgos, where he  
landed yesterday from St. Sebastian, in  
two hours and forty-five minutes.  
Gilbert and Garros are still stalled in  
the mountain fastnesses, and it is not  
probable they will be able to finish  
within the time limit.

Vedrine, on arriving at the Getafe  
aerodrome, jumped from his aeroplane  
and flung himself on the ground to  
rest. A frantic crowd soon rushed up,  
however, and bore the victorious aviator  
on their shoulders to the tribunal.  
On reaching the judges' platform he  
was showered with roses and kissed  
repeatedly by women.

Gets Much-Needed Rest.

Later on, complaining that he was still  
numb from his flight, he was removed  
to an infirmary, where he received medi-  
cal attention and a short but much-need-  
ed rest. On reappearing at the Aero-  
drome the Frenchman smilingly delivered  
the messages which he had brought with  
him from Paris, and was congratulated  
on his magnificent flight by the civil gov-  
ernor of Madrid on behalf of King Al-  
fonso.

Left the suburbs of Burgos in  
ideal weather this morning and flew over  
Aranda de Duero, forty-eight miles south  
of Burgos, at a good height and great  
speed.

Crossing Dreaded Pass.

At Bocequillas, where the airman was  
greeted by a great crowd of wildly shout-  
ing peasants, Vedrine buckled down to  
the task of crossing the dreaded Somo-  
sierra pass, which is 4,000 feet high.  
High and higher he climbed, and at last  
had attained an altitude of 6,000 feet.  
The birdman then, straight as an arrow,  
flew over the crags and snow-capped  
peaks until he reached the immense plains  
of San Augustin.

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BATTLE HIGH IN AIR.

Giant Eagle Attacks Aviator in the  
Paris-to-Madrid Race.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, May 26.—At-  
tacked by a giant eagle while sailing  
along on the last leg of his flight in the  
Paris-Madrid aeroplane race, M. Gilbert  
was in grave danger for several min-  
utes yesterday. The battle came just  
when, on account of treacherous cur-  
rents, it was most unwelcome.

The bird swooped down on the aviator,  
apparently believing that the Bleriot  
monoplane was some fantastic sort of  
winged creature which threatened its su-  
periority. M. Gilbert, who was alighted  
on the front of the monoplane and after  
reconnoitering for several seconds finally  
lunged directly at Gilbert's head. As its  
wings were bent, the eagle's head, which  
he was wearing, carrying it away, the  
bird flattered upward and then swooped  
again. This time it missed the aviator  
and only cleared the whirling propeller  
by a few inches.

The swish of the wind stirred up by  
the propeller blades further enraged the  
bird, and with a shrill scream it pur-  
sued the monoplane and made another  
swoop at Gilbert, trying to strike his  
eyes with his sharp claws.

Realizing his peril, Gilbert got his  
revolver out. His first shot went wild, but  
the second struck the bird and it fell  
earthward. Gilbert lost control of his  
monoplane, but by almost superhuman  
manipulation got it on an even keel just  
as he seemed about to crash to earth,  
some 4,000 feet away, and then continued  
his flight unharmed.

When the aviator landed at Burgos he  
declared that the aerial battle with the  
giant bird had given him the most excit-  
ing moments of his career.

Vedrine Also Attacked.

MADRID, May 26.—Vedrine, who won  
the Paris-Madrid race, said that he, like  
Gilbert, also was attacked in midair by



BATHING BEACH.

a large eagle. The incident happened  
while the aeroplane was passing over the  
Sierra de Guadarrama, a chain of moun-  
tains in Castile, one of the peaks of  
which attains an elevation of 7,500 feet.

The eagle, which was a huge creature,  
seemed furious against the man-bird, and  
swooped down again and again, trying to  
reach the aviator's face with its powerful  
beak. Vedrine's greatest fear was that  
his attention would be diverted, which  
would cause him to lose control of his  
machine. Finally the aviator out-maneu-  
vered and lost his feathers few by swift-  
ly dropping and rising to new levels.

DR. AUGUSTINE MASON DEAD.

Was for Many Years a Leading Phy-  
sician at Hagerstown.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 26.—Dr. Au-  
gustine S. Mason, for many years one of  
the leading physicians of Hagerstown,  
died at his home, on West Washington  
street, this morning from angina pectoris,  
aged seventy-seven years. He had been  
in ill health for several years and in a  
critical condition for nearly a month.

Dr. Mason was born in Stafford county,  
Va., in 1834. He received his early edu-  
cation in private schools and later at-  
tended the academy at Frederickburg.  
In 1855 he was graduated from the  
Medical College of Virginia, at Rich-  
mond, and engaged in practice at Fred-  
erickburg. Dr. Mason was chief sur-  
geon of the military department of Rich-  
mond of the Confederate army in 1863.  
Two years after the war he located in  
Hagerstown and for nearly forty years  
was engaged in the practice of his pro-  
fession here.

In November, 1868, Dr. Mason married  
Miss Mary McIntire of Stafford county,  
a daughter of Capt. William Ellason of  
the United States Army. Their surviving  
children are: former State Attorney J.  
Augustine Mason, Mrs. Mary Landson  
Alexander, wife of Gen. E. P. Alexander  
of South Carolina; Beauford A. Mason, ex-  
cused in newspaper work in Pittsburgh;  
Mrs. Fanny A. Wrenshall, wife of John  
C. Wrenshall of Baltimore; Mrs. R. Don-  
ald McKee and Thomas M. Mason, both  
of Hagerstown.

Dr. Mason was a member of the Ameri-  
can Medical Association, also the state  
and county medical societies. He was a  
member of the Masonic lodge at Fred-  
erickburg, one of the oldest lodges in the  
country. He was for years president of  
the Confederate Memorial Association of  
this county.

Avalanche Buries Village.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 26.—Word has  
reached here that the village of Orschors,  
situated on Pamir plateau, in west cen-  
tral Asia, has been overwhelmed by an  
avalanche. One hundred and twenty-  
eight persons were killed.

"The Button Thief"

By Arthur Stringer

A MYSTERY story that will  
give you a little  
time to breathe.

ARTHUR STRINGER is a  
past master of the art of  
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WILL EJECT SQUATTERS.

One-Half of Newell, S. D., Grabbed  
by Them, It Is Said.

A large number of squatters have taken  
possession of practically one-half of the  
town site of Newell, S. D., and the gen-  
eral land office will proceed in a few  
days in an action looking to their ejection.  
Their shacks, it is said at the  
reclamation service, dot the half of the  
town which has not been sold off in lots.

The buildings, it is claimed, distinctly  
mar the general beauty of the landscape,  
and the government is determined that  
the squatters shall be ejected at once  
and the shacks demolished.

The settlers will then have the privi-  
lege of buying lots, according to the plat-  
of the Interior Department, paying taxes  
on them and the improvements they may  
put up, and also adhering to the laws of  
the town.

INDORSE PEACE TREATIES.

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The king complimented the officers on  
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sailors now thronging the city, and  
promised to visit the warships tomorrow.  
If the weather is good Queen Louise  
probably will accompany his majesty.  
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